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TWO CENTS.

RUMANIA READY TO JOIN IN WAR

Expected to Join the Entente Allies with a Force of 800,000 Men—Arrival of Russians and Italians at Saloniki Indicates Opening of Important Campaign

The offensive in the Balkans is in full swing with Russian troops arriving to fight with the entente forces and Rumania reported about ready to join in the war on the side of the allies.

Landing of Italian troops is continuing and an official despatch also reports that Greek troops have become involved in the fighting, having been engaged with Bulgarians in the vicinity of Seres, northeast of Saloniki.

The arrival of the Russians and Italians at Saloniki is taken as an indication that the entente allies have decided to concentrate on this front forces sufficient for an important campaign. It is only about 350 miles in an air line from the Russian to the Greek border at their nearest point, but Rumania and Bulgaria lie between them and to bridge the distance separating the country the Russians were obliged to travel thousands of miles. It is possible they traveled by the Atlantic route and reached Saloniki by way of Gibraltar and the Mediterranean.

VICTOR EMANUEL ENTERED GORIZIA

King of Italy Entered the City Under Fire from the Austrian Artillery.

UDINE, Italy, August 20, via Paris, August 22.—King Victor Emanuel entered Gorizia today under the fire of the Austrian artillery. Lancia bridge, which he crossed to enter the city, continues to be the object of relentless shelling by the Austrian guns, but unimpaired of the danger the king determined to make a personal visit to the captured city. News of the royal visit spread throughout the city and there was a demonstration as the king's automobile passed through the city.

The statement is made on good authority that the number of Rumanian troops that can be mobilized exceeds 800,000, and that the army is in the best of condition after a long preparation.

FIGHTING MORE GENERAL

Serbian Troops Have Captured Two Forts on Dorian Front.

PARIS, August 22.—The fighting on the Saloniki front is more general, says a Havas despatch filed yesterday. In the Dorian section Serbian troops have captured two forts, Fainiskidar and Cucurli. Progress was made by the French last night on the Somme front north of the river in the outskirts of Fleury, the war office announced today. South of the river the French captured trenches near Estrees and Soyecourt.

BRITISH GAINING

Advance on the Somme Front and Leipzig Salient

LONDON, Aug. 22.—British troops on the Somme front have advanced along a line a half mile long in the region of Pozieres and have also made an advance near the Leipzig salient, it was officially announced today.

RUSSIANS AT SALONIKI

Delayed Telegram Tells of the Arrival of Initial Brigade.

ATHENS, July 31, via London, August 22, delayed by censor.—An initial brigade of Russian troops have arrived at Saloniki to join the entente allies in the fighting in the Balkans.

Centre Congregational Church

Thursday from 3 to 5 p. m. in the chapel—Midsummer Tithing party for all women in the parish. Please bring your talent money, or birthday money for the benefit of the building fund.

First Baptist Church

The ladies of the church will serve ice-cream and cake at the band concert on the common Tuesday night of this week.

Rev. Paul Hayne of New Brunswick, N. J., will occupy the pulpit next Sunday. Miss Alice Butterfield will sing.

In Odd Fellows' Temple

Tuesday evening, Aug. 22, at 7:30, regular meeting of Dennis Rebekah lodge.

STILL HOPE FOR AVERTING STRIKE

Many Railroad Presidents Preparing an Answer to Wilson's Plan

NATURE OF PROPOSAL IS KEPT A SECRET

It Is Believed to Concern Concession of an Eight-Hour Day—Collateral Issues May Be Referred to Interstate Commerce Commission.

WASHINGTON, August 22.—The answer of more than 50 railroad presidents, including those of western roads newly arrived, to President Wilson's proposed plan for averting the threatened strike was being formulated today. A committee had in charge the framing of a reply and it appeared doubtful that it could be finished today.

The brotherhood officials described the situation as unchanged. In administration circles it was said there was hope for a settlement. The exact nature of the proposal to be submitted to President Wilson was not revealed, but it was believed it concerned the concession of the eight-hour day. One suggestion understood to be under consideration was the submission of the collateral issues to the interstate commerce or a provision for making permanent the commission of investigation suggested by President Wilson.

ALL EYES ON RUMANIA

Officials in Paris Think Moment for Action Has Arrived.

PARIS, Aug. 22.—All the morning newspapers comment at length on the possibility of Rumania joining in the war. The meetings that are in progress in Bucharest are taken to mean that all the various developments in the situation are being seriously considered and the general tone of the comment is that the decisive moment for Rumania's action has arrived. The operations on the Bulgarian armies in Macedonia are interpreted in some quarters as having been undertaken solely with a view to influencing the decision of Rumania. On all sides it is agreed that a new phase of Balkan history is opening.

TWO AUTOISTS ARE SUED

Harris and Nelson May Have to Pay for Damaged Rigs.

MONTPELIER, Aug. 22.—Two autoists, A. D. Harris of Montpelier and Aubrey V. Nelson of Cabot, are being defendants of damage suits brought in Washington county court by drivers of teams, who claim the defendants were negligent and careless in running their machines into them. A. J. Persons of Calais sues Nelson for \$400, his horse having been killed when the defendant's automobile ran into his rig on Main street July 8.

Arthur Baker of East Montpelier sues to recover damages of \$1,000, asserting that Harris was negligent in smashing up his rig on the East Montpelier Center road on July 6.

EPIDEMIC GAINING AGAIN

Thirty-Nine Deaths and 118 New Cases in Greater New York.

NEW YORK, August 22.—Every borough in Greater New York reported a slight gain in the epidemic of infantile paralysis today. During the 24 hours ending at 10 a. m. the deaths reported were 39 and the new cases 118. During the preceding 24 hours 33 children died.

READY TO VETO BILL

Wilson Opposed to Literacy Test in Immigration Measure.

WASHINGTON, August 22.—President Wilson let it be known today that he would veto the immigration bill if it came before him again with the literacy test. The senate then defeated the motion to take up the measure and returned to the consideration of the revenue bill.

PETITIONS FOR OFFICERS FILED

Task of Tabulating Them in County Clerk's Office in Progress

FOUR CANDIDATES FOR SENATORSHIPS

Three Each for Assistant Judge and State's Attorney—No Opposition to Sheriff or Judges of Probate—No Candidate for High Bailiff.

The time for filing petitions with the county clerk for the publication of the names of candidates for county office on the official ballots to be used at the primary election in September expired at midnight last night, and the results are being tabulated by Miss Lettie E. Braham, assistant to County Clerk F. D. E. Stowe. The work of arranging the hundreds of petitions alphabetically, comparing them to eliminate duplicates and counting them is no small task, but it will be completed this afternoon.

Candidates whose names will appear on the official ballots are as follows: For senator, two to be elected—H. E. Eddy of Brattleboro, F. A. DeWitt of Newfane, John H. Ware of Townshend, and Natt L. Divoll of Rockingham. For assistant judges, two to be elected—Fred B. Pier of Brattleboro, E. L. Hastings of Townshend, and E. P. Adams of Marlboro. For state's attorney, one to be elected—William R. Daley of Brattleboro, O. R. Clayton of Londonderry, and Fred B. Pingree of Rockingham.

For judges of probate, two to be elected—A. F. Schwenk of Brattleboro, Marlboro district, and Warner A. Graham of Rockingham, Westminster district.

For sheriff, one to be elected—Clifford E. Mann of Brattleboro.

No petitions have been filed for any person to fill the office of high bailiff.

Persons wishing to vote for anyone whose name is not printed on the ballot will have to write the name in. The primary law specifies that if any person signs petitions for more candidates than can be elected all the petitions signed by him shall be thrown out. In spite of this one man prominent in county politics signed petitions for all three candidates for one office and all the petitions signed by him were thrown out. Others also signed so many petitions that they were thrown out. By signing petitions for all candidates a man avoids showing what his preference is.

STUDEBAKER CAR ON BROW OF BANK

Stopped at Angle of 45 Degrees Near Brattleboro Retreat—Pulled Up by Automobile Truck.

An undersized Studebaker automobile in the possession of James G. Adams of Boston, son of Mr. and Mrs. James M. Adams of Brattleboro, and Russell Williams of New York, who are visiting in town, ran over the sidewalk on Linden street at the top of the Brattleboro Retreat hill about 6 o'clock last evening and stopped on the bank, parallel with the walk, at an angle of 45 degrees. Had it tipped over it would have rolled to the bottom of the bank. A large crowd gathered and saw the car drawn back into the road by a motor truck from Manly Brothers garage. The car ran out of gasoline at the east end of Chase street and the young men pushed it into Linden street and lost control of it.

FORD SUED FOR \$1,000,000.

Vitagraph Co. Says Pacifist Labeled Their Good War Film.

NEW YORK, Aug. 22.—The press agent of the Vitagraph Company of America brought to a newspaper office last night a long type-written statement signed by J. Stuart Blackton, vice president of the concern, which said Henry Ford, the motor manufacturer, had been served during the afternoon with a summons and complaint in a libel suit for \$1,000,000 brought by the Vitagraph company.

The statement said the suit was based on the fact Mr. Ford, in full page advertisements, recently had declared The Battle Cry of Peace, a film of the Vitagraph company, was inspired, and had been backed by munition makers.

FEWER CASES OF PARALYSIS.

Massachusetts Officials Report Apparent Check in Plague.

BOSTON, Aug. 22.—After an apparent check in the spread of infantile paralysis in this state for several days 16 cases were reported up to noon today to the state department of health. A total of 139 cases have been reported to date this month. The situation has not reached a stage approaching alarm. Officials said there was no reason to fear an extensive outbreak. North Adams, Pittsfield and Haverhill each reported two of the cases announced today.

WHY B. & M. NEEDS MUCH MORE MONEY

A Receivership Is Advocated at a Time When Treasury Holds More Cash Than Ever Before.

BOSTON, Aug. 22.—Receivership is being talked for the Boston & Maine when its treasury has by far the biggest amount of cash that it ever held derived from earnings, says the Boston News Bureau, and the question naturally arises why some of the short-term indebtedness, which, on Aug. 31, again matures, has not been voluntarily retired. Earnings ever since June 30 have continued to make for gratifying increases in cash as compared with the similar period 12 months before. Only about \$1,500,000 cash is generally requisite for ordinary working capital.

The road today has rather over \$8,000,000 cash, against \$13,300,000 notes payable. Besides notes of Boston & Maine proper, however, there are outstanding \$5,500,000 notes of the leased Fitchburg and Connecticut River roads and a road owned by the latter line, the Vermont Valley. All this indebtedness has been extended a good many times—a substantial part of it, seven times.

There are many reasons why there has been no disposition to pay off floating debt with cash income.

The Boston & Maine system could advantageously put \$15,000,000 during the next three years into needed improvements, according to an official estimate. Already an expenditure of around \$600,000 has been begun for engine house, repair shop and other improvements at East Deerfield, necessary to meet traffic demands there. A large amount must be disbursed in the September quarter for ties, rails and track work and other maintenance on various parts of the system, postponed because of labor difficulties earlier in the summer. Boston & Maine must also soon pay about \$3,000,000 under its contract for new locomotives. There are also nearly \$1,500,000 interest and rental requirements due around the first of the next two months, and by Dec. 1 approximately \$1,200,000 taxes must be met.

Items above mentioned approximate \$6,300,000 as follows:

East Deerfield improvements	\$ 900,000
Track work and other maintenance	1,500,000
Locomotives	1,500,000
Interest and rental payments	1,500,000
Taxes	1,200,000

Total\$6,400,000

It remains to be seen how little, if anything, is left of current cash after they are provided for.

HEAT AND HUMIDITY IS UNCOMFORTABLE

People Suffer More in Past Two Days than Any Other Time This Summer—Prediction Warmer.

While the humidity does not appear to be so intense as it was Sunday and yesterday the mercury is keeping to its high mark and doing a thorough job of it day and night. It is seldom that Brattleboro experiences two successive nights when the heat and humidity make it uncomfortable.

The cheerful prediction is made that it will be "warmer in Vermont to-night."

Ferris R. Vaughan, who keeps temperature records carefully, says that the high marks Sunday and yesterday were identical—90. This is three degrees lower than the top notch mark of July, but yesterday the humidity was so dense that more people suffered from the heat than at any other time this summer. Slightly more air is stirring at times today, which helps make conditions bearable.

Mr. Vaughan's record at 12:30 was 86, with indications that it would reach 90 later in the afternoon. While Mr. Vaughan's records are authentic for his location on High street there were many places in town yesterday where the mercury touched and passed the 90 mark. On Flat street at the C. H. Eddy & Co. heating works the mercury remained at 100 degrees two hours in the afternoon. On the platform at the railroad station the thermometer on the wall of the old station building touched the 120 mark and on the upper floors of the Estey shops it reached the century mark.

JURY DRAWN TO HEAR CHILDS CASE

Hearing to Be Held Monday on Contested Charge of Violating Muffler Cutoff Ordinance.

A jury was drawn late yesterday afternoon to hear the case of the village against Maj. F. W. Childs, charged with violating a village ordinance by operating his automobile with the muffler cutoff open. The case has been set for a hearing Monday morning at 10 o'clock. The following are the jurymen drawn: Merton Clark, Worthly G. Worden, James Thayer, Emory Evans and Roy Ingraham of Guilford; George W. Fisher, Frank O. Downs, William W. Burnett and D. R. Miller of Dumfries; John L. Johnson and Walter M. Robbins of Brattleboro; C. D. Dalrymple of Marlboro.

THE WEATHER.

Generally Fair Tonight and Wednesday, Cooler Tomorrow.

WASHINGTON, August 22.—The weather forecast: Generally fair tonight and Wednesday. Warmer tonight in Vermont. Cooler on the east Maine coast. Cooler Wednesday. Moderate southwest winds.

COLORED WOMAN LEAPS OFF BRIDGE

Gathers Skirts Around Her and Jumps Into the Connecticut

RESCUED AND TAKEN TO THE RETREAT

Seen to Be Mrs. Nora DeCassie, Who Caused Arrest of Husband for Living with Another Woman—Thrilling Act Seen by Several.

Michael Hennessey, an employee of the Twin State Gas & Electric Co., was seated at the rear of the plant on the bank of the river at 12:45 o'clock this afternoon when he noticed a young colored woman walking across the bridge. As she walked she removed her coat and then her hat. Placing them on the railing she paused and looked over the railing into the water. An instant later she mounted to the top of the railing and jumped.

Miss Bessie L. Farnum, bookkeeper of The Reformer, was seated in the telephone room taking Associated Press despatches when from the window she saw the woman jump. She cried the alarm and a Reformer man rushed to the street to do what he could. He found W. J. DeCassie, Jr., standing near his automobile and asked him if he could swim. Mr. DeCassie replied that he could, and upon being told what had taken place jumped into the machine and traffic regulations were busted all to finders.

When the Reformer man and Mr. DeCassie reached the bridge Hennessey had a rope about his waist and was wading into the river while a by-stander was holding the other end. The woman was swimming laboriously diagonally towards the shore, but not towards Hennessey.

The rope was short and Mr. DeCassie, wife of William DeCassie, who yesterday was sentenced to the house of correction at Rutland by Judge F. E. Barber upon complaint of his wife, who had traced him from New York and found him here living with another woman.

The woman was not in her right mind and Dr. H. P. Greene was summoned. Her only explanation for her act was "That man called me a bad woman." Dr. Greene had her taken to the Brattleboro Retreat for temporary safe keeping. She had placed considerable money in her hat before she jumped and this was cared for by the authorities.

STOCK CONSIGNED BY PROMINENT BREEDERS

Catalogue for Livestock Sale at New Pavilion Shows 125 Head of Registered Holstein Cattle.

The catalogue just issued for the third sale of the Purebred Live Stock Sales Co., Inc., to be held at the new sales pavilion of the company on Vernon street, Aug. 29 and 30, shows 125 registered Holstein cattle to be disposed of.

Laurence Plummer of Simonsville is disposing of his entire herd of animals, and there are some very choice stock. J. C. Buxton of the Hingham farm of Mid-dletown Springs has 22 cattle to dispose of at this sale. F. P. Knowles of Auburn, Mass., one of the oldest breeders of Holsteins in New England and the owner of the famous bull, King Segis Champion, has consigned several fine animals to the sale.

Among other breeders who will have cattle in the sale are Alfred B. White of East Norton, Mass., and M. T. Carigan of Concord, Mass., both well-known breeders of fine cattle. Among local breeders who have consignments in the sale are A. J. Hildreth and H. F. Newell of Brattleboro, A. W. Miller of Putney and E. F. Stevens of Westminster.

The sales pavilion is not completed, but it will be ready for use during the sale. It is built especially for such sales and is the only building of its kind in the East. The two previous sales held by this concern were very successful and it is expected that this third one will surpass in all ways each of the preceding ones.

HUGHES ON RETURN TRIP.

Will Speak in Sacramento, California, Tonight.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., August 22.—Charles E. Hughes, Republican presidential nominee, is speeding from Los Angeles today on the first leg of his return trip east. Mr. Hughes traversed California from his northern boundary to San Diego, a distance of approximately 1,500 miles. His next speech will be delivered in Sacramento tonight.

QUARANTINES CHILD FROM NORTH ADAMS

Dr. Tucker Acts to Prevent Introduction of Infantile Paralysis—Diphtheria at Sunset Lake.

Dr. Henry Tucker, health officer, yesterday placed under quarantine, a child in the Fort Dummer district who had been in North Adams, Mass., where there have been about 20 cases of infantile paralysis. The child had been visiting there. Dr. Tucker says that local children who are taken into Massachusetts will be placed under quarantine upon their return exactly the same as if they were Massachusetts or New York children.

Two children are at the Stellman cottage at Sunset lake with mild cases of diphtheria. They had suffered with sore throats a few days when cultures developed the fact that they had diphtheria. They are under strict quarantine in the Stellman cottage, having been moved there by permission of Dr. Tucker upon notification to the health officer of the town of Marlboro. Dr. Tucker says that in his opinion there is no possibility of the water of the lake, which is a reserve supply of the Brattleboro Water Co. being contaminated. These two children are relatives of the little child of Benjamin Blodgett, who was taken ill last week with the disease. Dr. Tucker does not anticipate any spread of the disease.

STREETER ATTENDS VETERANS' MEETING

Vermont Commander and Adjutant Accept New Hampshire Governor's Invitation—At The Weirs.

Capt. H. C. Streeter, department commander of the Vermont G. A. R., and his adjutant general, H. P. Hunter of Brattleboro, left this morning for The Weirs, N. H., by special invitation of the governor of New Hampshire to be present at the four days' celebration there of the Veterans' Association of New Hampshire. They will return to Brattleboro Friday and leave Saturday for Kansas City to attend the national encampment of the Grand Army.

PRESIDENT ASSAILED.

Catholic Societies Disgusted with His Mexican Policy.

NEW YORK, Aug. 22.—Views of some of the leading priests and laymen of the Catholic church upon the situation in Mexico received further definition today in the convention here of the American Federation of Catholic societies, the Catholic Men's National union and the German Catholic Central Verein.

Business sessions of the federation were held this morning when some of the subjects discussed in the report of President Joseph Frey of the Verein and of Anthony Matre of the federation were taken up.

In the sessions yesterday President Wilson was bitterly assailed for helping Carranza.

SOLDIERS NOT PAID.

In the Service Two Months and Have Received Only \$6.

WASHINGTON, August 22.—Senator Weeks received an appeal today from a Massachusetts constituent on behalf of some of the state troops on the Mexican border, who, it is declared, have received only \$6 each since they went to the border more than two months ago.

"I am informed," said Senator Weeks, "that enlisted men of the Massachusetts light artillery have received only \$6 since they went to the border. I am also informed that the same applies to other Massachusetts and some of the Pennsylvania troops. I shall take the matter up with the war department at once."

DROWNED AT WALPOLE.

Little Housekeeper, 15, Lost Life in Clark's Pond.

WALPOLE, N. H., August 22.—Margaret Lowney, 15, daughter of Michael Lowney, was drowned in Clark's pond yesterday. While bathing with her cousin, Marion Lyons, and her sister Mary, she went out beyond her depth. Her two companions cried for help, but it was 15 minutes before Ellsworth August recovered her body.

Dr. Fuller and Dr. Fenton worked with the pulmotor nearly two hours, but were unsuccessful.

The case is particularly sad, as the girl's mother was at work in Canton and her father in the Readville car shops, and she was keeping house for her four little sisters.

FITZGERALD A CANDIDATE.

Wishes Democratic Nomination for United States Senator.

BOSTON, Aug. 22.—John F. Fitzgerald, former mayor of Boston, filed nomination papers today as a Democratic candidate for United States senator in the September primaries. Papers were also filed by Charles H. Cole and John R. McVeigh as Democratic candidates for governor.

FIELD MEETING POSTPONED.

Date of Newfane Event Confirmed with Brattleboro Guest Day.

On account of Brattleboro's Guest day and the agricultural field meeting at Newfane being set for the same day, Aug. 30, it has been decided to postpone the field meeting. The date will be announced as soon as it is decided upon.

DISAPPOINTMENT AMONG RECRUITS

Men at Camp Governor Gates Were Ready to Leave for Eagle Pass

CAPT. GIBSON ASKS TO BE SENT AT ONCE

Sentiment that Local Man Should Be Chosen for Successor to Lieut. Miner—Numerous Offenders Sentenced by Summary Court.

(Special to The Reformer.)

CAMP GOV. GATES, Aug. 22. Arrangements had been practically completed for the movement of the troops at the mobilization camp when the suspension of the order was announced, because of the strike situation. Twelve tourist sleeping cars had been provided and these were ready to place at the entraining station at Fort Ethan Allen. Orders had been given for the cooking of the travel rations. The suspension of the order caused much disappointment, but it is believed the suspension is only temporary.

Capt. E. W. Gibson, as soon as he learned of the prospect of delay in the transfer, wired Col. Reeves asking to be ordered forward with Company I. He received a reply that Col. Reeves believed there would be little delay in forwarding the Vermont troops, and if otherwise he would ask that Capt. Gibson be ordered to join the regiment. Capt. Gibson is asking to be forwarded without delay because he believes his place is now with his company.

There is some speculation among the Company I men in camp as to a successor to Lieut. Miner. All are of the opinion that only a Brattleboro man should be selected. The task of organizing the company has been to great that to select some one other than a local man would lead to criticism and be bad for the morale of the organization. Brattleboro has shown her patriotic interest as has no other town in the state. To select a company officer from some other town or take one from some other organization when we have men well qualified to fill the position would lead to quick resentment and be an added obstacle to the future maintenance of a military organization in Brattleboro.

Pay day brought an unusually large number of offenders before Capt. Gibson as summary court. Twelve cases were heard and disposed of during the two days following. All of the offenders were given varying terms of sentence at hard labor.

Considerable property has been stolen from the tents of the men during the past four weeks. The disappearance of an automatic pistol from Capt. Carpenter's company lead to the arrest of a suspect and his confession. He is now being held pending an effort to locate and recover the stolen weapon.

STATION INSPECTED BY RAILROAD AGENTS

Traveling Passenger Agent and Freight Men and Few Others Also Had Banquet at Brooks House.

Eight traveling passenger and freight agents with one or two other railroad men from out of town came to town last evening at 5:56 to inspect the new railroad station, enjoy a banquet, an automobile ride and an inspection of the Vermont Wheel Club's quarters, the new Odd Fellows' temple and the Masonic temple.

When they detained they immediately made their inspection of the station under the chaperonage of Station Agent Samuel Ashby and Ticket Agent David S. Carey. They were loud in their praise of the building and its appointments.

In cars owned by President O. F. Benson of the Wheel club, Secretary C. S. Hopkins of the board of trade, W. H. Proctor of the Hooker, Corser & Mitchell Co., and Deanison Cowles, former president of the board of trade, they enjoyed an automobile ride of an hour about town and appeared at the Brooks House in time for a banquet served at 7:15 o'clock.

In the party were L. P. Burgess, New England agent of the Nickel Plate railroad; E. C. Pate, New England agent of the Denver and Rio Grande railroad; Jonathan Storey, New England passenger agent of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad; C. H. Hulbert, traveling passenger agent of the Missouri Pacific railroad; E. H. Boynton, New England agent of the Grand Trunk and Central Vermont railroads; D. Switzer, ticket agent at Bellows Falls; C. E. Bacon and P. D. Smith, traveling agents of the Rutland railroad; Casper N. Moran, shipping clerk of the Estey Organ Co., and Mr. Ashby and Mr. Carey.

GERMAN BATTLESHIP SUNK.

Ship of the Nassau Class Sunk by British Submarine.

LONDON, August 22.—A British official announcement this afternoon says it is believed that a German battleship of the Nassau class has been sunk by the British submarine E-22.